Applications for Exemption under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation.

33. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, by taluks, showing the number of applications received by Government up to the 30th Kanni, 1101, for exemption under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No application has been received by the Government for exemption under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation, III of 1100.

Particulars regarding certain Officers in the Agricultural Department.

34. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the name, designation, educational qualifications, service, initial salary and scale of pay, the scale after the departmental re-organisation and the present permanent pay of the subordinate officers of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries who have secured the diploma of L. AG. or some other degree equal to it, after undergoing a course of three years' training in some of the Provincial Colleges at Saidapet, Coimbatore or Nagpur and who have put in a service of not less than nine years?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The statement * required by the member is placed on the table.

The Law College Hostel.

35. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the net expenditure met by the Government for the maintenance of the Law College Hostel during the last three years;

(ii) the total number of students this year (1925-26) attending the Law College who are subjects of this State and the total number of students accommodated in the Hostel; and

(iii) the number of students living in the Hostel who are subjects of this State and the number who are outsiders?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement of the number, caste by caste, of the Law College students of this year (1925-26) who are subjects of this State as well as the total number of students lodging in the Hostel?

(*c*) How long do the Government propose to continue the preferential treatment established by the Law College Hostel?

(*d*) Have the Government received the proposals or recommendations which, as announced at the meeting of the Council held on the 1st August, 1922, they were expecting from the High Court?

(*e*) If so, what action have the Government taken on those recommendations?

(*f*) If not, do the Government know why they are being delayed?

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 122

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) The net expenditure met by Government for the maintenance of the Law College Hostel during 1097, 1098 and 1099 is Rs. 3,386 chs. 27 c. 7, Rs. 3,254 chs. 19 c. 11 and Rs. 3,670 chs. 24 c. 1, respectively.

(ii) The total numbers are 307 and 45, respectively.

(iii) All the students living in the Hostel are non-Travancoreans.

(*b*) Statement, by caste, of the Law College students of the current year who are subjects of the State is given below:—

Caste.	*No.*
Nayars	125
Brahmins	52
Other Caste Hindus	14
Christians	84
Mahomedans	3
Ezhavas	28
Nadar	1
Total	307

A statement, by caste, of the total number of students lodging in the Hostel is given below:

Caste.	*No.*
Brahmins	29
Nayars	6
Other Caste Hindus	10
Total	45

(*c*) It is not clear what the member means by "preferential treatment". Government would try to give an answer if the member would please explain his meaning.

(*d*) Yes. The High Court are of opinion that, as some of the members of the Hostel who are all caste Hindus (Brahmins and Nayars) raise objections to the non-caste Hindus being admitted as members, the extension of membership to persons other than caste Hindus will necessitate the renting of a separate building and the running of a separate mess as also of the appointment of a fresh batch of non-caste Hindu menial servants. Government accept the view of the High Court.

(*e*) and (*f*) In view of the answer to part (*d*), these questions do not arise.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanacherry cum Peermade*): With regard to part (*c*), do not Government consider that the fact that only caste men are allowed in the hostel is a preferential treatment?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The answer to this supplementary question may be found in the answer given to part (*b*).

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MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Was not an undertaking made in the last Council at the time of the budget discussion that earliest measures would be adopted for making the hostel available for non-caste Hindus?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Will the member kindly refer to that portion of the proceedings?

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Unfortunately, I am not in possession of those proceedings now. Have the High Court reported that it is unnecessary to give opportunities to non-caste men also?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No; they have not reported like that.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state then whether Government propose to give any opportunity to non-caste Hindus?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That question has to be considered again.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Has any decision been arrived at?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Working of the Insolvency Regulation.

36. MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): (*a*) With regard to the working of the Insolvency Regulation, will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of original petitions in insolvency filed till now in all the District Courts of the State since the promulgation of the Insolvency Regulation;

(ii) in how many cases final orders of discharge have been passed;

(iii) in how many of these, orders of adjudication have been passed; and

(iv) the courts wherein petitions in insolvency seem to take the longest time for final disposal?

(*b*) Do the Government know what time the courts in Cochin and British India take for disposal of petitions in insolvency?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the time taken by the law courts in the State is excessively long?

(*d*) Do the Government consider that the purpose of the Insolvency Regulation can be served by such tardy disposal?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to direct the High Court to make rules as authorised by Section 50 providing for the speedy disposal of petitions filed under the Regulation?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) to (iv) A statement* containing the information required is placed on the table.

* *Vide* appendix II—page 123.

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